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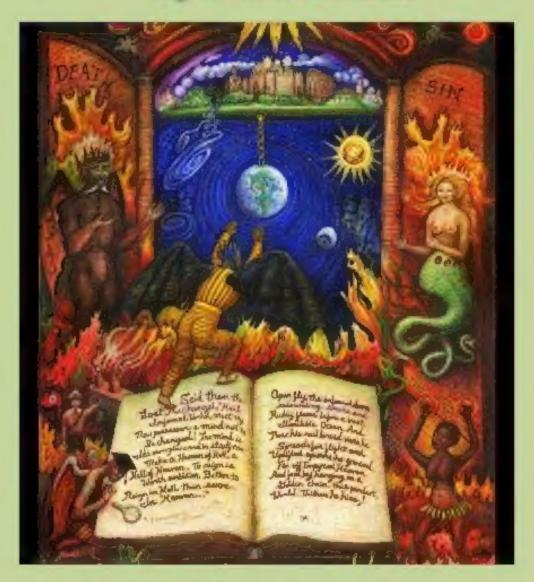


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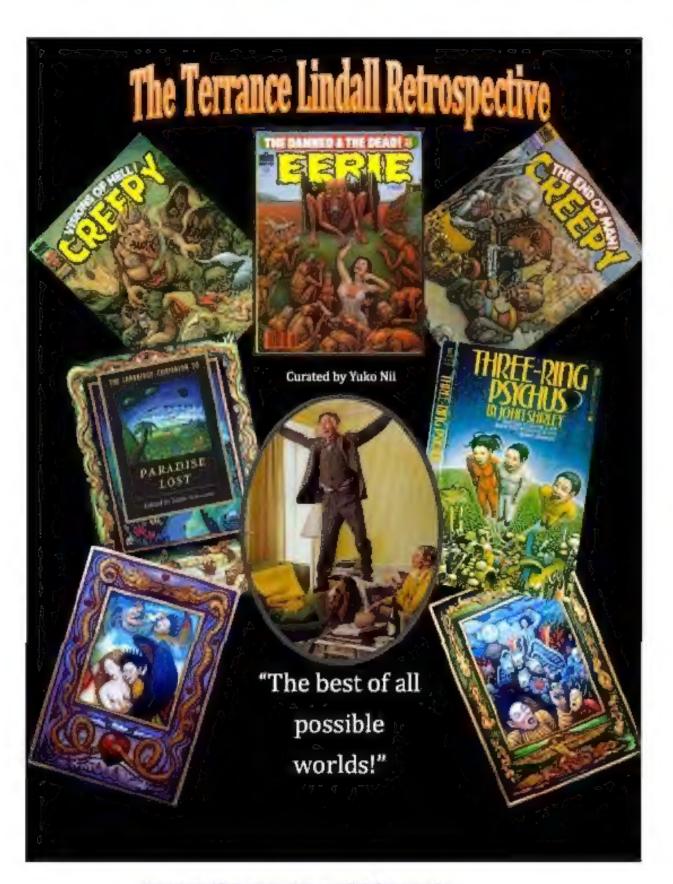
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Pandemonium a Comment By Terrance Lindall

Ed Simon's book *Pandemonium* arrived yesterday. It is a sumptuous well-designed scholarly book with visually arresting art by some of the most famous artists going back centuries and going forward to our own time.. as the advertizing states "From Bosch to Basquiat, from Dante to Milton." It is a compendium of subjects and historical records and anecdotes about demons and demonology that will keep the reader enthralled for hours. It is jocular, ribald, but serious reading nonetheless. You will come back to this book time and time again.

The book starts out with an anecdote about how Ed Simon was googling his name on the web and it came up with his name as the author of *The Necronomicon*, a mythical ancient book of spells and human sacrifice from the fantastical imagination of H.P. Lovecraft. Rather good and portentous indeed of a rousing book to be authored.

The book is divided into six chapters and a conclusion. Chapter IV is entitled "Better to Reign in Hell" (referencing Satan's declaration), and covers The Age of Reason 1650-1800 AD. Therein we see images of William Blake, Sebastiano Ricci, Henry Fuseli, Sir Thomas Lawrence, John Martin, Hogarth, Gustave Dore', great company for a two page spread of my art. There are many lesser known but highly engaging artists in etchings, engravings, caricatures and the like. The chapter is around 66 pages and would make in itself a fine essay for Milton scholars or students.

Chapter IV begins with a apt quote from Daniel Defoe:

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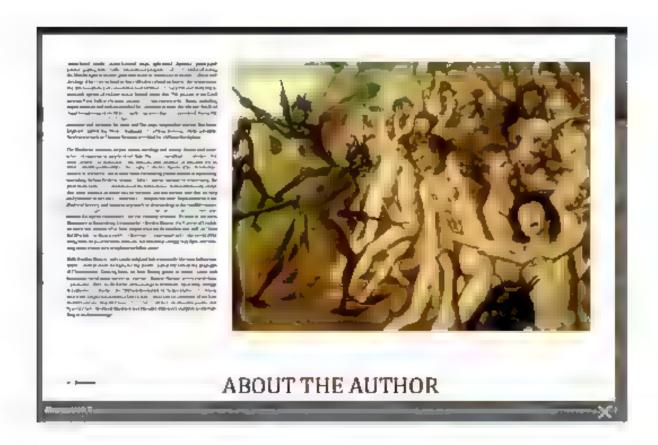
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William-Adolphe Bouguereau, 30 November 1825 – 19 August 1905) was a French academic painter. In his realistic genre paintings he used mythological themes, making modern interpretations of classical subjects, with an emphasis on the female human body. During his life, he enjoyed significant popularity in France and the United States, was given numerous official honors, and received top prices for his work. As the quintessential salon painter of his generation, he was reviled by the Impressionist avant garde. Of interest in figure painting led to a rediscovery of Bouguereau and his work. Throughout the course of his life, Bouguereau executed 822 known finished paintings, although the whereabouts of many are still unknown.



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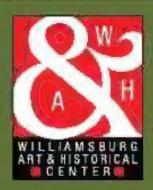




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Selected emails with Terrance Lindall on collecting, art and other topics



